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SUBJ: GAO PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW--REQEUEST FOR DATA
ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A. STATE 103457
B. BANGKOK 10423
C. BANGKOK 13974
1. GAO REPRESENTATIVES OLSON AND RYDER,WHO HAVE
BEEN HERE SINCE AUGUST 23, HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THEY
WISH TO BROADEN SCOPE OF THEIR INQUIRY OF US PUBLIC
SAFETY PROGRAMS ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE "RELATED" AREA OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS.

2. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED MEMORANDUM ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR
REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION AND EMBASSY TELEGRAMS CONCERNING
POLITICAL PRISONERS. EMBASSY WILL CABLE DETAILS THEIR REQUESTS,
OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE
FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULED RETURN SEPTEMBER 1.

3. IN ADDITION, GAO BANGKOK OFFICE MANAGER LYONS HAS
CABLED FOLLOWING MESSAGE (REF C, AUGUST 30) TO GAO REPRE-
SENTATIVE OLSON:

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ATTEMPT TO VISIT BURU ISLAND. REQUEST PERMISSION

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FROM AMBASSADOR TO GO, AND IF POSSIBLE, 1) OBSERVE
CONDITIONS AND TREATMENT AND 2) WITH PERMISSION OF AMBASSADOR
INTERVIEW--THROUGH EMBASSY-PROVIDED INTERPRETER
IF NECESSARY--POLICE/PRIOSN OFFICIALS AND A SAMPLE OF
PRISONERS. EXTENSION OF ASSIGNMENT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH
AUTHORIZED. ADVISE ASAP IF REQUEST GRANTED. KINTNER. END QUOTE

4. WE HAVE ADVISED OLSON THAT DECISION ON REQUESTS WOULD
BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO JAKARTA
SEPTEMBER 1.

5. COMMENT: GOI HAS NEVER PERMITTED FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
PERSONNEL TO VISIT BURU ISLAND OR OTHER DETENTION AREAS,
OR INTERVIEW PRISONERS, AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY REFUSE
SUCH A REQUEST. IT IS ALSO MOST UNLIKELY GOI WOULD AGREE
TO INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE/PRIOSN OFFICIALS WHICH GAO SEEKS.
MOREOVER, WE ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT BOTH REQUESTS
WOULD BE REGARDED WITH GREAT DISPLEASURE BY GOI AS ATTEMPT
TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WITH RESULTANT HARM TO
OUR RELATIONS.NEWSOM

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